

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR'S FOREST HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.
Payson Public Library, Conference Room - 328 North McLane Road, Payson AZ

- 1) Call to order 1:45 pm
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Approval of minutes of the 11.13.03 meeting. Approved 2:50
- 4) Subcommittees
 - a. Reports
 - i. Monitoring & Evaluation – Steve Campbell
 - ii. Utilization & Commerce – Marty Moore
 - iii. Glossary & Terminology – Ed Smith
 - b. Formalization and procedures State a clear purpose and mission for each subcommittee (with a chair). This would include putting a summary together that can be passed out to every other committee.
 - c. Cross-council updates / information sharing
- 5) Western Mogollon Plateau Landscape Restoration Assessment: Introduction & Overview
Diane Vosick: ForestERA project introduction and overview (landscape level assessment). The project has matured and is prioritizing areas for treatment. There is a proposal for a workshop that will allow stakeholders to convene. We are seeking an endorsement from this committee to help the project move forward. Question from Marty: does this tie in with the data coordination that was discussed yesterday? (yes, but it is a bit different.)
Comment from Thomas Swetnam: This is a good idea and a great project for this group to endorse. Comment from Kirk: Let's bring in the Walter Group and then the nation wide mapping effort (Bob Keans and Matt Rolands) (let's coordinate these efforts.)
Specific Motions (Thomas Swetnam and Kirk Rowdabaugh): 1. General sense of support for the ForestERA workshop. 2. Put together a meeting with the Walter Group for a mapping and assessment meeting 3. Council will come up with specific recommendations. Approved the Mapping and Assessment Workshop and scheduled it for 8-3 on February 13 in Phoenix. We need people from Land Fire, Tom Sisk or Ethan Aumack to present ForestERA, Tom Swetnam to call Bob Keans and Matt Rolands from the Walter Group, and others if members of the Council think of people they feel should be there. This will be a special meeting for the Council with a formal agenda. Put together something for the Governor's Fire Science Conference in March in Prescott at Emory-Riddle College.
- 6) Executive Order Goal #5 Problem Statements
 - a. Review of Language
 - i. Review from the last meeting. The documents have been edited but the shadow documents have not been written yet. We should hold off on doing any more work until the co-chairs have a chance to look at it. The Council needs to have some manner for publishing information and making it available to the public. Publishing success stories would be good for promoting FIREWISE. Motion made for some type of summary document of case studies to inform why some people lost their houses and why some did not in Arizona wildfires, which includes a recommendation for increasing the

communication to Arizona residents. The ERI will take responsibility for doing this. Approved and seconded.

- b. How to Address Land Use & Fire Planning Issue (D. Falk)
 - i. HILL: would like alternative fuel reduction treatments, less emphasis on control burns. Burns aren't as possible for existing situations...
 - ii. FALK: Council's charge is forest health. Wonders if alternative fuel reduction accomplishes that charge adequately.
 - iii. Don will work on writing this, Taylor will help, Deb will assist.
 - iv. Kirk moves, Don seconds
 - v. Title: Science Based.... Document
 - vi. Motion passes
 - 1. Lori suggests we notify the GROWING SMARTER OVERSIGHT COUNCIL about this project.

- 7) Executive Order Goals #2 and possibly also #3.
 - a. Review each goal
 - b. Final products/outcomes envisioned to satisfy goals
 - c. Next steps / assignments / workshops

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- 8) Future meeting dates and locations
 - a. Set 2004 schedule
 - i. January 8th Phoenix @ County Supervisor's Association
 - ii. February 12th Phoenix @ County Supervisor's Association
 - iii. March 11th Phoenix @ County Supervisor's Association
 - b. Accommodations
 - i. Call Heather for questions.

- 9) New Business
 - a. Falk recommends an agenda item for January meeting:
 - i. Insect Outbreak
 - 1. What we should and should not recommend.
 - ii. ID problems, knowns and unknowns
 - b. What is the Forest Service doing for communities and forests?
 - i. Data can be manipulated to show what is being done and where.
 - ii. What is NEPA approved
 - iii. What is completed, approved, in the queue?

- 10) Call to the Public

NONE

- 11) Adjournment

Motion made by Thomas Swetnam
Second by Deb Hill
Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2003 - Governor's Forest Health Advisory Council

CO-CHAIRS

Beth Zimmerman – Department of Emergency Management
Taylor McKinnon – Grand Canyon Trust